



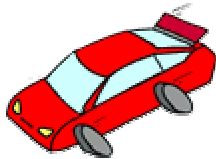
# COMMUNITY NEWS

District 3

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## REDUCING AUTO THEFT

Unfortunately a professional car thief can steal any car. The trick is to make them work for yours. The National Insurance Crime Bureau recommends "layered protection" to reduce the likelihood your car will be stolen. The number of "layers" your vehicle needs depends on a variety of factors, the year, make and model of your vehicle, where you live and work and your budget and personal preferences.

### LAYER # 1 Common Sense

Always secure your vehicle even if you are parking for a short period of time by:

1. removing your keys and valuables from the vehicle.
2. locking your doors and parking in well-lit areas.

### LAYER # 2 Warning Devices

The second layer of protection is a visible or audible device that alerts thieves your vehicle is protected. These devices include:

1. audible alarms.
2. steering wheel locks (The Club).
3. wheel locks.

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## MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER DUGGAN



Last month, our District experienced its 14th traffic-related fatality since October 2003. Although District 3 encompasses more than two-thirds of the city's geographic area, there is simply no reason for such a high rate of traffic fatalities. This is especially true considering nearly all fatal collisions are preventable. Driver inattention, recklessness, speed and alcohol are the primary causal factors behind most fatal collisions in District 3.

Enhancing traffic safety is one of District 3's operational goals and a top priority for our officers. We are spending additional time and energy enforcing traffic violations on our high collision roadways such as Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard and Pima Road. We are coordinating efforts between District beat officers, photo radar deployment and the department's traffic enforcement unit (motorcycle officers). Since August we have conducted five commercial vehicle inspection details utilizing additional resources and personnel from neighboring jurisdictions.

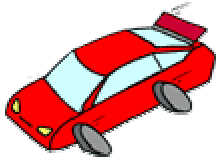
We are committed to making District 3 roadways safe, and we ask for your support. Please remember to wear your seat belt and be aware of traffic conditions around you. Avoid distractions (cell phones, radios, food, etc.) and be mindful of the posted speed limit. Together, we can all contribute to enhance traffic safety in District 3.

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## Fast Facts



**1155** vehicles have been stolen in Scottsdale since January.



## **AUTO THEFT continued**

### **LAYER # 2 Warning Devices**

4. window etching (etching your vehicle's VIN number on all windows).
5. enroll in the Watch Your Car Program 1-888-NO-THIEF.

### **LAYER # 3 Immobilization Devices**

Immobilization devices prevent thieves from bypassing your ignition and hot wiring your vehicle. Some devices utilize keys that contain computer chips; others inhibit the flow of fuel or electricity through the use of a "kill" switch. Popular third layer devices include:

1. smart keys.
2. high security locks and keys.
3. fuse cut-offs.
4. kill switch.
5. starter, ignition and fuel disablement.

### **LAYER # 4 Vehicle Tracking**

As mentioned at the beginning of the article, a professional car thief can steal any car regardless of the amount of "layers" you have to protect it. If you have done all you can to protect your car and it still gets stolen, it is important to recover it as soon as possible. Installing a vehicle-tracking device can help do this. Devices like Lojack send a signal to police agencies after your vehicle is reported stolen allowing officers to quickly locate your vehicle.

### **TOP 10 STOLEN VEHICLES IN SCOTTSDALE**

1. Chevy/GMC full size trucks
2. Chevy/GMC SUV
3. Honda Civic
4. Ford full size trucks
5. Dodge full size trucks
6. Honda Accord
7. Saturn
8. Nissan Sentra
9. Ford SUV
10. Acura Integra (tied)  
Dodge Neon  
Nissan Altima

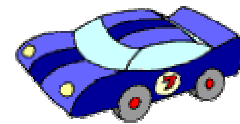


### **DID YOU KNOW?**



### **Watch Your Car**

The Watch Your Car Program helps protect your car during the hours of 1:00am and 5:00am by allowing police officers to stop your car and identify the driver to make sure the car belongs to them. To register for the Watch Your Car Program, call 1-888-NO-THIEF or visit [www.watchyourcar.com](http://www.watchyourcar.com).



Please call our traffic complaint hotline to notify us of traffic related problems in your community at (480) 312-CARS

### **10 COMMON DRIVING MISTAKES**

1. Driver inattention- "zoning out"
2. Driving while drowsy
3. Becoming distracted in the car: radio, cell phone, children
4. Failing to adjust to adverse weather conditions
5. Driving Aggressively: tailgating, running red lights
6. Making assumptions about other drivers' intentions
7. Speeding
8. Changing lanes without checking blind spots / mirrors
9. Driving while upset
10. Ignoring essential auto maintenance (brake lights, bald / under inflated tires)



## WHY YOU SHOULD HAVE YOUR CAR VIN ETCHED?

When a thief steals your car he is looking to change its identity as quickly as possible. One way to do that is by parting out your vehicle or "chopping" it into smaller pieces. When you have your windows etched with the vehicles VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) it prevents the use of your windows on any other car. A second way the thief changes the identity of a stolen vehicle is by "swapping" or changing the VIN with the VIN of another similar vehicle. A thief is less likely to steal a car that has its windows etched because he would have to replace all the windows in that vehicle in order to avoid having contradicting VINs.

In fact, it is estimated that VIN etching reduces the likelihood of a car being stolen by 65%. We will be holding events throughout the year where you can get your vehicle etched for free.



**THE SCOTTSDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN TO  
BECOME SCOTTSDALE POLICE OFFICERS. IF YOU ARE  
INTERESTED IN AN EXCITING AND REWARDING  
CAREER PLEASE CONTACT, **OFFICER GREG CARLIN**  
AT (480) 312- 5384 OR AT [gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**HISPANIC STRATEGIC FORUM**  
**NOVEMBER 2, 2004**  
**10:00AM-3:00PM**  
**SCOTTSDALE STADIUM**  
**7408 E. OSBORN RD**



**ELECTION DAY**  
**NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

## **CITIZENS CONCERNS**

We have received several complaints from citizens regarding dog owners allowing their dogs to run free in neighborhoods, parks and common areas. According to the **Scottsdale Revised Code Sec 4-39c:**

No dog shall be permitted at large. Each dog shall be confined within an enclosure on the owner's property, secured so that the dog is contained entirely on the owner's property, or on a leash not to exceed six (6) feet in length and directly under the owner's physical control when not on the owner's property. Please do your part to ensure your dog remains safe and secure.

Please contact me if you have any comments or concerns.

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